

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A compound of nicotine and a sweetener ~~or of nicotine and sweeteners~~ as well as their physiologically acceptable salts or addition salts with a physiologically acceptable acid, wherein nicotine and sweetener are present in a molar ration of 1:2, in which case the sweetener molecules can be identical or different.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sweetener used is an oxathiazinone sweetener, alitame, aspartame or a dipeptid and tripeptid based on aspartame, a sulfamate sweetener, glycyrrhizin, neotame, saccharin or gluconic acid or their physiologically acceptable salts.

4. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sweetener used is acesufame or acesulfame-K alone or in combination with a further sweetener or its physiologically acceptable salt.

Claim 5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Cancelled)

Claim 9 (Cancelled)

10. (Original) A solid or liquid preparation, in the form of a chewing gum, a chewing tablet or compressed composition, for the oral administration of nicotine, comprising a compound claimed in claim 1.

11. (Previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 3, wherein the oxathiazinone sweetener is acesulfame and wherein the sulfamate is cyclamate.